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1. EVENING 8 JAN LITVIN PUSHED WAY INTO EMBASSY "ONE STEP AHEAD OF SOV MILITIAMAN," STAYED MORE THAN 3 HOURS, WAS ARRESTED BY SOV POLICE AFTER HE LEFT. DURING INTERVIEW IMPRESSED CANADIANS AS BEING GENUINE, NOT PROVOCATION OR UNBALANCED. HE DID NOT REQUEST ASYLUM, SAID CAME TO PROTEST SUBJUGATION UKRANIAN PEOPLE, ALSO SAID WANTED TRANSMIT AN APPEAL OF SOV POLITICAL PRISONERS TO GOVTS CANADA, US AND TO UKRANIAN EMIGRE ORGNS. ALSO REQUESTED INTERVIEW BE ARRANGED WITH CANADIAN OR AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT TO WHOM HE WOULD DESCRIBE CONDITIONS IN SOV PRISON CAMPS. SAID AS UKRANIAN NATIONALIST POET HE WANTED WRITE OUT OR RECORD ON TAPE COLLECTION POEMS HE HAD WRITTEN AND MEMORIZED FOR UKRANIAN ORGNS ABR^{OP}OD.

2. LITVIN SAID HE 31, THAT HE AND 15 OTHERS CONVICTED CONDUCTING ANTI SOV PROPAGANDA 1955, SERVED 10 YRS VARIOUS CAMPS, RELEASED APR 65. WAS MEMBER "BROTHERHOOD FOR LIBERATION UKRAINE," FORMED 54, LASTED UNTIL MEMBERS ARRESTED 55. AFTER SENTENCING HE SERVED 2 YRS

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* KUYBYSHEV HYDRO PROJECT, 4 YRS IN TUSHET (IRKUTSK OBL) 4 YRS IN CAMP IN MORDOVSKAYA REPUBLIC. HE SAYS THERE 4 POLITICAL PRISONER CAMPS IN MORDVA WITH ABOUT 4 OR 5000 PRISONERS. ONE IS FEMALE ~~CAMP~~ ^{CAMP} WITH ABOUT 6 OR 700 INMATES. THERE ALSO FIFTH CAMP IN MORDVA FOR FOREIGNERS BUT LITTLE KNOWN OF THIS, ALSO RUMORED SIXTH "SPECIAL CAMP" WITH TOP SECRET SECURITY.

3. LITVIN ESTIMATED 40 PER CENT MORDVA PRISONERS UKRAINIAN, 35 PERCENT RUSSIAN, 5 PER CENT JEWS, REMAINDER BALTS, CAUCASIANS. MOST INMATES POLITICAL DISSENTERS, INCLUDING NATIONALISTS, ANTI REGIME INTELLECTUALS. ABOUT 10 PER CENT WARTIME NAZI COLLABORATORS. ONE CAMP HAS ABOUT 1000 JEHOVA'S WITNESSES, OTHER RELIGIOUS OFFENDERS. LITVIN CLAIMED WAS IN SAME CAMP WITH CARDINAL SLIPYI, NOW IN ROME.

4. LITVIN CLAIMED UKRAINIAN NATIONALIST SENTIMENT STILL STRONG, SAID THERE STILL UKRAINIAN REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS BUT WOULD NOT ELABORATE SINCE FELT EMBASSY BUGGED, SAID AT PRESENT LARGE GROUP NATIONALISTS BEING INVESTIGATED IN KIEV, LVOV, TERNOPOL, SHOWED LETTER FROM FRIEND IN MORDVA CAMP WHICH SAID MORE UKRAINIAN NATIONALISTS ARRIVED THERE DEC 65.

5. POUCHING REPORT.

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UKRANIAN SOV CANADA US UKRANIAN CANADIAN AMERICAN SOV UKRANIAN 31 15
ANTI SOV 1955 10 65 54 55 2 YRS KUYBYSHEV 4 TUSHET IRKUTSK OBL 4 YRS
MORDOVSKAYA REPLUBLIC 4 MORDVA 4 5000 6 700 MORDVA LITVIN 40 MORDVA
UKRANIAN 35 RUSSIAN 5 JEWS BALTS CAUCASIANS ANTI REGIME 10 NAZI
1000 JEHOVA'S LITVIN CARDINAL SLIPYI ROME LITVIN UKRANIAN UKRANIAN
NOT ELABORATE KIEV LVOV TERNOPOL MORDVA UKRANIAN DEC 65

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